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REPORT OF
DEAF MUTE INSTITUTE.

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To his Excellency John L. Routt, Governor of the State of Colorado:—

Another year has passed since submitting to you my last report of the Deaf Mute Institute of Colorado.

The board of trustees have endeavored by all the means within their power, to make the institution a credit to themselves, and an honor to the State.

On the 6th of January last, our Institution took formal possession of the new building, erected on the grounds donated by the "Colorado Springs Company," on one of the most beautiful and commanding sites that could have been selected for the purpose.

The building has been constructed with a view to comfort and economy, answering for the present, the purposes for which it was designed.

In order however to establish a more strict system of discipline and facilitate the progress of the pupils, it is deemed expedient by the Board to erect an additional building separate from the main building, for school rooms, printing office, library, and office for the meetings of the Trustees.

An appropriation has already been made by the Territorial Legislature for the above purposes, but in consequence of the present condition of the finances, the warrants now in the hands of the Treasurer of the "Deaf Mute Institute" not being at the present time available,

it seems necessary that some decisive action should be taken by the Legislature, about to assemble, to relieve the Board of its present embarrassment.

I would therefore earnestly urge upon their consideration the propriety of so modifying the Act passed by the last Territorial Legislature, entitled, "An Act for the relief of the Institute for the education of Deaf Mutes," as to give to the Board the sole use and benefit of the revenue derived from the one fifth of one mill tax, at least until the next session of our State Legislature, so that the Institution may be placed upon a firm financial basis.

No member of the Legislature, nor tax payer of the State, who is at all conversant with the character and wants of so worthy a public charity as the Institution for the education of the Deaf Mutes of our State, can for a moment entertain any other than the feelings of sympathy and heartfelt desire for the welfare of the class of unfortunates this Institution is designed to benefit.

For a full report of the domestic department, I would respectfully refer your Excellency to the report of Mrs. M. E. Kennedy, the Matron of the Institution.

For the expenses of the sustenance department, you are respectfully referred to the report of the Steward, Mr. J. R. Kennedy.

For a statement of the financial condition of the Institution, you are respectfully referred to the report of our Treasurer, J. S. Wolfe. All of these reports will be found accompanying the above, and are a part of the report of the President to your excellency.

I have the honor also to present with the above, a report from the Principal, Mr. J. P. Ralstin, containing some suggestions of an important character, which I wish to present for your consideration.

In behalf of the Board permit me to say, that during the past three years, from the organization of the "Institute for the education of Deaf Mutes," until the present time, nothing but their united and determined efforts could have resulted in placing the Institution in so prosperous a con-

dition; and now as we are about to deliver up our trust and give an account of our Stewardship to the State of Colorado, permit me to thank most kindly the friends who have so assiduously labored for its success and prosperity, and among its warmest friends and supporters, it affords me great pleasure to class his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Colorado.

R. G. BUCKINGHAM,
President.

Deaf Mute Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 26th, 1876.

To the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Institute for the Education of Deaf Mutes:

GENTLEMEN:—In respect to comfort and convenience our accommodations this year surpass those of the preceding, notwithstanding the increased number of pupils; but in order to secure the benefits of our increased room, we have exerted ourselves to the utmost during the entire year; the hurry and confusion of moving and settling again, in cold weather, the preparation at the same time for the exhibition of our pupils before the Legislature, and the constant necessary additions and improvements to the building, all being successfully accomplished without employing more assistance than was at hand for the daily routine of household work.

As usual, myself and the girls have done all the work required each week during the school term, except the cooking and washing, but in the past vacation the absence of any regular help outside of washing made it necessary for me to attend to the cooking myself, besides my other duties preparatory to opening school.

The health and deportment of the pupils have been excellent.

Before closing I cannot forbear mentioning the marked

improvement of the girls in the work they have been taught. Those who entered a year ago, unable, and frequently unwilling, to take even a crooked stitch, can now use a needle well in all plain sewing, and one of those here since the first year of school has this year returned with a wardrobe for herself, cut and made largely by herself.

I have procured a dress model for the purpose of having the girls learn the art of cutting and making dresses, and hope to send them—or a portion of them—home, when this term of school closes, with a thorough knowledge of the business. There is one serious obstacle in the way, however, that is, we have no room suitable for that purpose. One of those rooms used now for school would be just the thing, and if the school house could *possibly* be built this year, so that we could have those rooms—one for the boys' home room, and the other for the girls' sitting and working room—we would all be benefited in many respects, besides being made happy and grateful.

With many thanks for your consideration and kindness shown us during the past year,

Respectfully submitted.

M. E. KENNEDY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees for the Education of Deaf Mutes:—

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit the following report of monies received and paid out by me since my last report, on October 1st, 1875.

Yours, respectfully,

J. S. WOLFE,
Treasurer Deaf Mute Institute.

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J. S. WOLFE, *Treasurer*, to DEAF MUTE INSTITUTE.

DR.

Oct. 1, 1875,	To balance on hand.....	\$ 768 10
" 14, "	Discount Loan for Building Fund...	1000 00
" 28, "	Discount Loan for Building Fund...	1000 00
Dec. 4, "	Discount Loan for Building Fund...	500 00
Jan. 24, 1876,	Received from State Treasurer.....	2000 00
Mar. 8, "	Received from State Treasurer.....	1640 00
Apr. 5, "	Discount Loan for Building Fund...	3000 00
" 22, "	Received from Co. Treasurer " ...	500 00
May 24, "	Received from State Treasurer.....	1389 33
Aug. 5, "	Received from State Treasurer.....	3535 64
Oct. 4, "	Received from State Treasurer.....	463 64
		\$15,796 71

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Oct. 4, 1876,	By Vouchers paid.....	\$7069 81
	Vouchers paid, Building Fund	5712 80
	Cash on hand	3014 10
		\$15,796 71

Having examined the above Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for the Education of Mutes for the State of Colorado, I find the same to be correct and in accord with the amount of funds received and the amount for which warrants have been drawn.

A. Z. SHELDON,
Sec'y D. M. Institute.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees:

I have the honor to submit my third annual report from the Domestic Department of your Institute for the education of the deaf mutes of Colorado:

HEALTH.

As was it in my reports of former years, so is it my pleasure now to refer to the continued general good health, through the past year of the beneficiaries of your institution. While it is true that we have not been wholly free from petty ailments, it is a matter of gratulation, not only that these have been fewer than in former years, but that

we have not been called upon to combat a single case of stubborn illness. This increased degree of healthfulness is not only due to the causes assigned in former reports—to climate and the untiring motherly surveillance exercised by the matron over the inmates of the institution—but is partly due to the better sanitary regulations we are able to enforce in our new and more commodious quarters.

Under this head I cannot refrain from mentioning the decease of little Owen Wall at the home of his parents in Denver, on the 22d of August last. He was among our first and most promising pupils, and is the first member of our little flock to enter voiceful joy "Over There." He passed away after a short illness; and it is a sad satisfaction to us that he was spared in health far into vacation to enjoy many happy weeks with his parents, and that it was their consolatory privilege to attend him through his sickness and minister to him in his last moments.

GARDEN.

Notwithstanding the discouragements of former years, we planted more abundantly and variously last Spring than ever before. As the Spring months passed, our garden developed a thriftiness that augured a most bountiful harvest. We, however, had hardly begun to supply our table from the maturing crop of vegetables, before the predatory grasshopper made its disastrous advent. In a short time this voracious pest had despoiled our two acres of their entire vegetable encumbrance, save inaccessible tubers and a few impenetrable squashes.

IMPROVEMENTS.

On the 6th of last January we installed ourselves in the new building which your active appreciation of our necessities had provided for us. We can assure you that our new home has not only proven convenient in its entire arrangement, but that its architectural beauty has been much admired by our many visitors. The expressed opinion of our citizens is that your Institute building was not only

erected at a surprisingly small cost, but that as a public improvement it is a credit to the State.

A large number and variety of trees have been transplanted in the Institute grounds during the present year. These have flourished beyond all expectation. In a few years they will contribute a sylvan charm to the beautiful and commanding site of the Institute.

Much care has been bestowed upon and great labor expended in the arrangement of walks and construction of terraces. These latter have been seeded in clover and blue grass and adorned with evergreens and flowering shrubbery.

STOCK.

During the past year an excellent milch cow and a flock of fifty chickens have been added to the property of the Institute. These are valuable acquisitions, since they wholly supply the Institute with milk and eggs. The yield of milk in seven months has alone saved to the Institute a sum greater than the amount expended in the purchase and maintenance of both chickens and cow.

SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the few months we have occupied the new building, two rooms, comprising half of the space on the middle floor, have been used for the school and for the pupils' sitting-rooms. Because of the great number of pupils, this has been a necessary rather than a desirable arrangement. It has many disadvantages, prominent among which may be mentioned the greater damage to school furniture and books, than if a separate school building were provided, which would be accessible to the pupils only during school hours. Not only would a separate building for the school lessen the damage to furniture and books, but it would afford the matron and her assistants several hours of respite from the wearing annoyance and confusion occasioned by the continued presence of restless pupils in and near her department. It would also be an advantage to the

school to be removed from the unavoidable bustle of the domestic department. The addition of such a building to the Institute would increase its present capacity to accommodate thirty pupils to that of accommodating fifty.

Such a building as would meet the demands of the Institute for the next several years could, in my opinion, be erected and furnished at a cost not exceeding two thousand dollars.

TRADES.

It is no longer a matter of discussion that young men, however circumstanced, should begin life masters of a trade or profession. Indeed the tendency is to encourage the acquirement of skill in some trade by even those who would devote their lives to a profession. Our national system of co-education of the sexes, together with a growing sentiment that woman may properly and successfully exert herself in many of our various industries and professions, has in the last few years resulted in the successful employment of a host of worthy young women in the various skilled arts. If our girls have a taste for any of these suitable vocations in which they are capable of attaining excellence, why not fit them for it as carefully and thoroughly as do we fit our boys for their part in life?

But what may be urged in favor of fitting our girls and boys, who are in the full enjoyment of all their faculties, for the pursuit of some avocation, may be more earnestly plead in favor of our unfortunate classes. They should not be left to glean from varied drudgery a mere pittance all their lives. This world is full of beauty to them, for which they have a keen and devout appreciation, and cruel indeed is the system that would rob them of a benefit which would contribute to their greatest possible happiness.

Our Deaf Mutes are not only apt in the acquirement of skill but are capable of mastering most all of the trades. They are among our most expert and industrious artizans, and as teachers have in the instruction of their unfortunate

class attained unrivalled proficiency. The equipment of Deaf Mutes with a trade is now receiving the unanimous attention of our Institutes. The conviction is now general that these unfortunates should not be dismissed from our public institutions until they can go forth the possessors of marketable skill as well as of informed minds.

The officers of the Institute attaching much importance to this matter, encouraged Mr. O. J. Kennedy to continue through the past year, the publication of the INDEX referred to in a former report. The appearance of the INDEX during this time, though flatteringly received by the State press, was under many disadvantages. Not only had the small press from which it was worked off become hopelessly impaired, but the meagre supply of already damaged type soon became worthless. Under all these difficulties the interest of our boys at the case continued unabated and their skill as compositors rapidly increased. They were charmed with the novelty and were proud of the dignity of their tasks.

It is difficult to estimate how great benefit might accrue to the inmates of the Institute, were they provided with a well furnished office and superintended by a person whose entire attention and effort would be confined to their advancement in this particular. An office properly furnished and entrusted to the charge of a suitable person upon whom would be imposed no other duties than its judicious management, might in my opinion, within a year be made to contribute largely to its support; and in a few years rendered self-sustaining and even profitable.

Though the object of this department would be to skill the pupils in all the branches of printing, there are other benefits that would incidentally accrue to the Institute through it. It would not only advertise our Institute and its work throughout the State but would herald our existence and advancement to kindred institutions.

EXPENDITURES.

In accordance with the law requiring an itemized state-

ment of expenditures, I have prepared the following exhibit of expenses for the year ending October 14th, 1876:

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Flour and Meal	\$ 95 00	
Coffee	149 58	
Sugar	125 17	
Tea	27 10	
Syrup	44 13	
Rice	6 83	
Hominy	5 85	
Beans	12 96	
Lard	78 60	
Butter	240 77	
Eggs	12 55	
Salt	5 87	
Baking Powder	20 00	
Bread	265 10	
Vinegar	7 00	
Milk	100 70	
Cheese	6 18	
Soda	2 20	
Pickles	25 65	
Apple Butter	2 15	
Honey	2 40	
Spices	11 10	
Dried and Green Fruit	76 22	
Canned Fruit	42 50	
Vegetables	92 76	
Fresh Meat	307 62	
Dried and Salt Meat	114 87	
Fresh and Salt Fish	17 33	
		\$1,898 19

FURNITURE.

House furnishing	296 65	
Brooms and Brushes	21 89	
Pictures	7 00	
Clock	5 00	
Schoolroom Supplies	108 15	
Glass and Queensware	61 40	
Croquet and other Games	8 20	
Blankets and Bedding	58 52	
		566 81

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Amount brought forward \$2,465 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coal Oil.....	20 75	
Matches.....	3 60	
Soap and Starch.....	58 86	
Feed and Grain.....	111 90	
Blacksmithing.....	28 70	
Rent (prior to Jan. 6, '76, time entering new build'g) ..	257 50	
Washing.....	135 50	
Stoves and Tinware.....	63 35	
Hardware.....	147 09	
Lumber.....	95 01	
Garden Seeds.....	14 90	
Postage.....	30 00	
Slating.....	8 75	
Plants.....	11 90	
Rope.....	1 80	
Milch Cow.....	40 00	
Chickens.....	12 50	
Fuel.....	170 82	
Trees.....	24 98	
		1,237 91
Printing Office Materials.....	52 10	
Expenses, Board and school before Legislature (exhib).....	84 20	
Medicine and Medical attendance.....	88 85	
Wages.....	383 22	
Salaries.....	2,816 66	
Building Fund.....	5,712 80	
		\$12,840 74

In closing this report, I again tender the thanks of the officers of the Institute to the Trustees for their continued appreciation of our efforts and many kind courtesies extended us during the past year.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

J. R. KENNEDY,
Steward Deaf Mute Institute.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO DEAF MUTE INSTITUTE.

Thirteen acres of land at \$500 per acre.....	\$ 6,500 00
Building.....	5,712 80
Fencing.....	200 00
Personalty.....	1,435 36
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	3,014 10
	\$16,882 26

Number of pupils in attendance previous term.....	13
New pupils admitted.....	7
Total during term.....	20
Deaths (Owen Wall).....	1

These were divided as to sex, as follows, viz :

Males	11
Females	9

Of the new pupils admitted, as follows :

Males	3
Females	4

Of the new pupils, two were from Clear Creek County, one from Gilpin, two from Weld, one from Park, and one from El Paso.

The branches of study, and the number in each branch, are shown by the following table :

Language Lessons.....	20	Geography.....	8
Penmanship.....	13	U. S. History.....	3
English Grammar.....	8	Scripture Lessons.....	8
Arithmetic.....	9	Drawing.....	12

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS DURING THE TERM ENDING OCT. 11, 1876.

NAME.	AGE.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	ENT'D SCHOOL.
M. S. Kennedy,	22	Colo. Springs,	El Paso,	April 8, 1874.
Emma A. Kennedy,	21	" "	"	" " "
O. H. J. Kennedy,	16	" "	"	" " "
Wm. Webb,	16	Central,	Gilpin,	" " "
James Webb,	11	"	"	" " "
John C. Simmons,	14	Golden,	Jefferson,	" " "
Mary E. Walker,	11	Nevada,	Gilpin,	" " "
Adella Moore,	14	Valmont,	Boulder,	" 15, "
D. Harry Wolpert,	9	Denver,	Arapahoe,	May 15, "
D. Owen Wall,*	7	"	"	July 7, "
Marion Taylor,	15	Colo. Springs,	El Paso,	" 8, "
Medora F. Gililand,	15	Ula,	Fremont,	" 15, "
James Mitchell,	25	Colo. Springs,	El Paso,	Jan. 13, 1875.
Katie Odell,	13	Georgetown,	Clear Creek,	Oct. 13, 1875.
Minnie Green,	10	Mill City,	"	" " "
Delphe Stostt,	15	Idaho Sp'gs,	"	" " "
Gracie E. Young,	6	Evans,	Weld,	" " "
Henry J. Nelson,	8	Greeley,	"	" " "
L. D. Carter,	7	Colo. Springs,	El Paso,	Jan. 3, "
Alice G. Branmie,	7	Fairplay,	Park,	April 1, "

*Died 1876.